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1. MENTION OF CIA IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ETHIOPIAN DISSIDENT GROUP HAS DISAPPEARED FROM MEDIA SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER REFTELS. WITHIN PAST WEEK ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEES OF USIS HAVE HEARD THAT WORD WAS OUT TO REFRAIN HENCEFORTH FROM REFERRING TO CIA IN MEDIA. ONE USIS FSL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD DIRG HAD MADE IT CLEAR TO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION THAT REFERENCES TO CIA SHOULD BE AVOIDED, AND THAT AMERICANS SHOULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH DISSIDENT GROUPS IN ANY MEDIA OUTPUT. INFO, IF TRUE, COMES IN WAKE OF COMMENT TO TO PAO AND IO IN NOVEMBER BY PERMSEC OF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION THAT CIA MATTER WAS BEING "LOOKED INTO" FOLLOWING OUR OFFICIAL AND INFORMAM REPRESENTATIONS.

2. COMMENT: IF CONSCIOUS DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY DIRG, THIS OF COURSE WOULD BE WELCOME NEWS. TIME WILL TELL BUT TWO-MONTH HAITUS IS GOOD SIGN.
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